

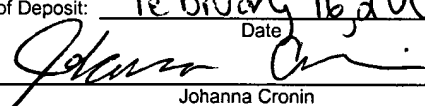


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Applicants first became aware of the references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement through a European search report dated December 22, 2005, which was sent in connection with an E.P.C. patent application, Serial No. 03788235.4, which corresponds to another cage nut or cage nut assembly application being prosecuted by the assignee.

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after receipt of the first Office Action but before the Notice of Allowance and before the payment of the issue fee.

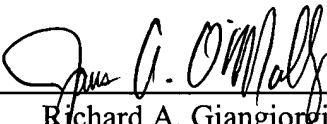
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